

Buffalo-Lackawanna, New York Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment	Low-Income Households
31	Buffalo-Lackawanna, NY	NY0025	88,007	11	43%	20%	79%

Buffalo, New York has a Round I Enterprise Community (EC) that has, in part, been designated as a Renewal Community (RC), thus Buffalo lost its EC designation when it received an RC designation on January 1, 2002.

The Buffalo-Lackawanna RC Course of Action chose the following strategies:

Reducing Tax Burdens

The following developments demonstrates how the Buffalo-Lackawanna RC to achieve this goal overall tax burden state-wide was reduced by over \$40 billion since January 1995, flat residential property taxes in the City of Buffalo for past three years and the County of Erie and Buffalo Niagara Partnership has compiled seventeen recommendations to reduce the costs of delivering services and the taxes citizens pay for these services.

Improving Local Services

The Buffalo Employment and Training Services (BETS) provides employment training through the Buffalo One-Stop Career Center. The Office of Strategic Planning in the Housing and Neighborhood Development Initiatives will continue to reinforce, revitalize or rebuild residential areas in the RC.

Reducing Crime

Crime prevention programs will increase the interaction between the Police Department, city communities and community-based organizations. Several of these programs include: School Resource Officers-officers who respond to trouble in schools, Police Recognizing Acts of Integrity, Strength, Excellence (PRAISE)-young people are recognized by police for these virtues, and Law Enforcement and Diversity (LEAD) Training-classes address common questions about traffic stop procedures.

Reducing Government Requirements

The City of Buffalo and Buffalo Niagara Partnership has been working on ways to reduce the amount of government regulations. Several examples include: review of the City's permitting system, predictability and equity in the fee process, and consolidate all permit, inspection, license and plan review functions under one city department.

Involving Community Partners

Several community partners include: Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (BURA), Buffalo Niagara Partnership, and Buffalo Economic Renaissance Corporation (BERC).